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1. DURING THE JANUARY 11 BONN VISIT OF SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HOFFMANN TO DISCUSS THE U.S.-FRG TANK HARMONIZATION PROGRAM, DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER ADVANCED A NEW CONCEPT CONCERNING AN ALLEGED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GERMAN TANK PROGRAM AND THE NATO AEW. THE MINISTER WAS DEFENDING HIS DECISION TO GO TO THE BUNDESTAG THIS YEAR WITH A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE LEOPARD II TANK PROGRAM. HE STATED THAT POSTPONING SUCH A REQUEST FOR A YEAR WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR AWACS IN 1978 SINCE THE BUNDESTAG WOULD NOT WISH TO APPROVE TWO SUCH EXPENSIVE WEAPONS PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS IN ONE YEAR.

2. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME TO THE EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE
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THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT (AS OPPOSED TO INDIVIDUAL GERMANS) HAS MADE ANY KIND OF LINKAGE BETWEEN AWACS AND THE TANK PROGRAM. IN OUR VIEW THE FACT THAT THE MINISTER DID NOT GO SO FAR AS TO MAKE FRG PARTICIPATION IN A NATO AEW PROGRAM DEPENDENT UPON U.S. CONCESSIONS IN THE TANK HARMONIZATION PROGRAM REFLECTS A DELIBERATE POLICY DECISION BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. WHILE IT PROVIDED A

GENTLE HINT TO THE U.S. THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT FEELS
IT CANNOT LOOK UPON THE TWO PROGRAMS AS BEING TOTALLY
INDEPENDENT OF ONE ANOTHER, IT ALSO COULD SHOW A SOME-
WHAT MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON LEBER'S PART TOWARD A
NATO AEW THAN WE HAVE OBSERVED BEFORE.
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